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United States Sponsors Textile Arts Envoy to Chiang Mai Fosters partnership in creative economy, innovation, and sustainability

The U.S. Embassy in Bangkok and the U.S. Consulate General in Chiang Mai will invite top New York fashion designer Anthony Lilore to Chiang Mai on July 4-5 as part of the U.S. Textile Arts Envoy Program. Anthony will host a mini-fashion show and “Innovation in Fashion Design” presentation at CentralPlaza Chiangmai Airport on July 4, alongside Chiang Mai Creative City’s Design Award Exhibition. The event, which coincides with the U.S. Independence Day, will draw design students, shoppers, and members of the public. Partners contributing to the program include CNX Art Connex, Click Radio Chiang Mai, and Chiang Mai Dance Troupe.

On July 5, Mr. Lilore will lead a roundtable with local designers, entrepreneurs, and business owners at Kantary Hills Hotel. The program, which is a component of the Department of Industrial Promotion’s Creative Lanna project, will enhance the Thai-U.S. Creative Partnership in promoting creative economy, innovation, and sustainability. Other organizations supporting the event include the College of Media, Arts, and Technology’s Knowledge and Innovation Center, Chiang Mai University, the Federation of Thai Industries-Chiang Mai, and the Industrial Promotion Center-Region 1.

Mr. Lilore is the co-owner and founder of Restore Clothing (www.restoreclothing.com), a New York City-based clothing company that uses locally-sourced environmentally friendly materials to produce functional and fashionable urban exercise gear. New York City Green Business named Restore Clothing in its Top 10 list and Apparel Magazine recognized Anthony as a Top 40 Innovator in 2009 and Sustainability All Star in 2011. Previously, Anthony was the president and design director of NOCHAIRS, a design firm that specializes in corporate image of clothing companies. Mr. Lilore received his BA in psychology from Villanova University and is a graduate of the Parsons School of Design in New York City.

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